

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION to encourage the
preservation of rail corridors.

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Whereas, transportation demands are increasing in our state;

Whereas, adequate transportation is critical to economic growth in our state;

Whereas, safety and environmental concerns are paramount for Indiana's future transportation system;

Whereas, rail capacity, both for freight and passenger, is shrinking;

Whereas, Indiana does not have a modern means to deal with rail abandonment of freight railroads;

Whereas, a sensible means is needed to both protect near-term and long-term citizen interests;

Whereas, Indiana laws and regulations are cumbersome to respond to federal preemptive laws regarding rail abandonment; and



*Whereas, preserving rail corridors should be a priority
for our state: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly
of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly
2 recognizes the importance of preserving rail corridors.
3 SECTION 2. That the Legislative Council is urged to direct
4 the Rail Corridor Safety Committee, or any other appropriate
5 interim or statutory study committee, to study the following
6 issues:
7 (1) The possibility of Indiana reducing state hearings on
8 abandonment to one for each abandonment.
9 (2) The possibility of Indiana requiring all railroads to
10 provide our state with first right of refusal for any rail
11 lines considered for abandonment.
12 (3) The possibility of implementing mechanisms to
13 establish a revolving fund to support potential
14 purchases of such critical abandoned rail properties.
15 SECTION 3. That the Rail Corridor Safety Committee, or
16 other committee, if directed to take such action, shall operate
17 under the direction of the Legislative Council and shall issue a
18 report when directed to do so by the Council.

